



[27] Bells

Slowly

THE DAMPER PEDAL

The Pedal on the right is called the Damper Pedal. When the Damper Pedal is down the tone continues to sound even though the key is released.

The use of the Pedal may be compared to an artist's palette in that it makes possible a variety of different tone colors. Listen carefully as you use the Pedal. The tones must sound beautiful and must not be blurred.

In almost every case, the Pedal should be pressed down immediately after the key is sounded. Release of the Pedal stops the tone.

Sit well forward on your chair, bench, or piano stool; heel on the floor; depressing and releasing Pedal as marked (down; up).

down : up : up-down :

To the Teacher: Explanation of the other Pedals at Teacher's discretion. If a grand piano is available, look into the instrument to see what happens when the Damper Pedal is depressed.